Betterment levy in respect of tank improvement works

* 2084 *Q*.—Sri A. RATNAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tank improvement works taken up by the Government during the year 1953–54 in the State;

(*b*) the number of acres of land benefited by them; and

(*c*) in how many cases the Government have levied betterment fee on the lands benefited by these works?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI:—" (*a*) 655.

" (*b*) 55,842 acres.

" (*c*) Betterment fee, as such has not been levied so far on any of the schemes as the Madras Act III of 1955 has been passed only very recently. But due credit will be taken of the advance contributions paid by the ryots, if any, while determining the quantum of betterment levy."

Sri M. MUNI REDDY :—" May I know the number of tanks in this State and the ayacut commanded by them? Whether the Government is removing silt from the tanks, i.e., man-power or bulldozer is used for removing silt from tanks? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" A separate question may be put."

Sri A. RATNAM :—" ஸார், பிரஸ்தாப ஆண்டில் எந்தெந்த மாவட்ட சம்பந்தப்பட்ட அபிவிருத்தி வேலைகள் மேற்கொள்ளப்பட்டன, எவ்வளவு செலவாகியது, என்பதை மாவட்டவாரியாக கூற முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the details on hand. A separate question may be put."

Sri K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" இந்த நிலங்களுக்கு அபிவிருத்தி வரி எப்படி விதிப்பது என்று சர்க்கார் முடிவு செய்திருக்கிறுர்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Act has been passed only recently and the matter is being examined."

Sri M. MUNI REDDY :—" Improvement of tank includes the removal of silt. On the floor of this House a suggestion was made for the use of cranes for removing silt. Will the Government consider this suggestion? "

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" This question is entirely different from the one which is engaging the attention of the House at present. The hon. Member may write to me separately about this."